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ENARGIA PALEACEA ESP. (LEP.: NOCTUIDAE) IN KENT. —

This species has been noted in Kent on some half dozen occasions, but not in N. W. Kent for over a century. An exceptionally fine male was attracted to my garden m.v. light on the night of July 15th 1987, apparently a time of immigrant activity over Britain, although curiously, *Phlogophora meticulosa* L. was the only other probable immigrant noted that night. B. K. WEST, 36 Briar Road, Dartford, Kent.

MELANGYNA GUTTATA FALL. (DIPT.: SYRPHIDAE), ETC., AT CHARLTON, S. E. LONDON. — On 23.vi.83 I took an example (♀) of this delicate hoverfly, an uncommon species, from a goutweed umbel at the spot briefly described in 1983, *Ent. Rec.* 95: 85, and have recently caught another (also ♀) flying about, and feeding from, a clump of hogweed in flower in a different part of Charlton, at the overgrown edge of a sportsground. Earlier, I had taken it singly on two occasions in my former garden at Blackheath (Chandler, 1969, *Hoverflies of Kent*: 164), and once in Windsor Forest (1982, *Ent. Rec.* 94:230) — again on umbels in both places. My experience might appear to suggest a possible specific connection with Umbelliferae such as certainly exists in the case of the far commoner *M. labiatarum* Verr.

The interesting little spot in Maryon-Wilson Park already referred to remained so, unfortunately, for only another year or two, its deterioration being due in part to increased shading by overhanging trees and in part to the smothering of the goutweed flowers by rampant nettles. Numerous buttercups around seem very unproductive of hoverflies other than the odd *Cheilosia albitarsis* Mg. I did, however, manage to net off an umbel a ♂ *C. scutellata* Fall. (3.vii.83, a very warm day); whilst the 'hitherto unrecognized [male] *Cheilosia*' mentioned at the end of my note cited above was kindly determined for me by Mr. A. E. Stubbs as that provisionally noted in his book as 'species E'. This, I understand, has since been referred to *C. proxima* Zett., a species I have seen very little of and never before in S. E. London or Kent (despite the records in Chandler, *l.c.* 180). The Charlton specimen was among buttercups. — A. A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, London, SE7.